

Directors, and of the Grand Council in Paris, should receive consideration at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee in April so that they could be forwarded in time.

#### Messrs. Thos. Cook, Travel Agents.

A representative of Messrs. Thos. Cook (who have been appointed Official Travel Agents to the Congress) attended by appointment and consulted with the Committee concerning their wishes in reference to arrangements as to cost of travel, hotels, etc., and it was arranged that immediate steps should be taken to deal with the matters raised by the Committee. Itineraries and estimates covering the journey to Paris and Brussels with accommodation at different grades of hotels, etc., will be submitted as early as possible.

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet on April 14th, and on the proposal of the President it was agreed that, as there was so much business to transact in connection with the International Council and Congress, a day should be devoted to the purpose. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should be summoned to two sessions—from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.—with time for luncheon between.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, on March 12th, to be held at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, at 3 p.m., will be one of special interest, as it will be the first occasion on which the members will have the opportunity of meeting their new President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C. (Matron of Charing Cross Hospital), who will give an introductory Address.

Miss Cochrane comes into a goodly heritage in the traditions of the Council, in the record of work accomplished, and in the personality of its Presidents, to mention only Miss Isla Stewart, its first President; and Miss Mildred Heather Bigg, R.R.C.

There will be a Social Gathering after the Meeting, which should prove an unusually enjoyable function.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

We have pleasure in presenting this month a portrait of Miss E. M. Cuthbert, the recently elected President of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, and Matron of the Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester.

Miss Cuthbert commenced her hospital career at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Myrtle Street, Liverpool, in 1903. She entered the Southport Infirmary in February, 1906, for general training and then returned to the Eye and Ear Infirmary as a Staff Nurse, where she was promoted to be Out-patient Sister, and afterwards to be Sister of Ear Wards and Theatre. She was also for a short time Out-patient Sister at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C. She then was appointed to the post of Night

Superintendent at the Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose, being in charge of the Male and Female Staff. She held the position of Assistant Matron at the Royal Mental Hospital, Morningside, Edinburgh, from July, 1915-1917, and was then Matron of Ryhope Mental Hospital, Sunderland, until November, 1920, when she took up office as Matron of the Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester, which position she now holds.

Miss Cuthbert is a State Registered Nurse and an Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. She holds the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and acts also as an Examiner for that body.

#### INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS' MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association was held at the R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.1, on Saturday, February 20th.

Miss Ruddy, the President, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss Dunkley, of Great Yarmouth, who was present, reported *re* the proposed salaries and wages cut of the Yarmouth Town Council. This compares very favourably with that of other bodies and has been accepted by the officials concerned. Miss Richards, of East Malling, Kent, was unanimously elected a member of the Association.

Three resignations were received with regret.

A letter was read from the Hon. Treasurer of the National Council of Nurses enclosing a copy of a resolution dealing with the financial position of the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that a donation of £3 3s. be sent from the Association. (This has since been raised to £5.)

The venue for the Annual Meeting was discussed and provisionally fixed for April 30th. Members who were unable to be present are asked to note the date and as far as possible keep it free for this meeting.

The meeting terminated after the usual votes of thanks.

After the meeting the members were privileged to see the film

shown by Mr. Herbert Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., on "A Summer in Machrihanish." This proved a very delightful entertainment and the thanks of those present were voiced by Miss S. A. Villiers who presided, and Miss Beatrice Kent.

#### FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A Social Meeting of the Fever Nurses' Association will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, at the Headquarters of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., when Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., Secretary of the Association, will deliver a Lecture on "The History of Nursing," at 8 p.m. The Lecture is a most interesting one, and members and their nurse friends are cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided, and, in order to facilitate the arrangements for these, members are asked to notify the Secretary, 6, Western Road, Romford, of their intention to be present.



MISS E. M. CUTHBERT,  
President Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

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